

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council	<b>Item ID</b>	7219	<b>Agenda Number</b>	3.
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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	6/23/2011	<b>Department:</b>	Austin Water Utility
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**Subject**

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Austin Water Utility Operating Budget Wildland Conservation Fund (Ordinance No. 20100913-002) to increase expenditures for capital outlay by \$412,175 and to appropriate the funds for purchase of two tracts of land within the Balcones Canyonland Preserves. Related to Item # 29.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

Funding in the amount of \$412,175 is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Ending Balance of the Wildland Conservation Fund.

**Fiscal Note**

A fiscal note is attached.

<b>Purchasing Language:</b>	
<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	
<b>For More Information:</b>	Willy Conrad, 972-1661; Denise Avery, 972-0104
<b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>	Recommended by the Water & Wastewater Commission.
<b>MBE / WBE:</b>	
<b>Related Items:</b>	6970

**Additional Backup Information**

The Fiscal Year 2010-2011 approved Operating Budget for the Wildland Conservation Fund includes no available funding for land acquisition. The cost of this land acquisition including survey, title policy and other closing costs for the Balcones Canyonland Preserve is \$412,175 so a budget amendment is needed to purchase these two tracts of land.

The funds for this proposed acquisition are from the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve Participation Certificates. The primary purpose of these funds is to purchase real property for habitat protection. The purchase of this property will eliminate an in-holding of Balcones Canyonlands Preserve (BCP) habitat and will also help provide a buffer located at the head waters of Bull Creek. The owner has agreed to accept the City of Austin's offer for the two tracts of land.